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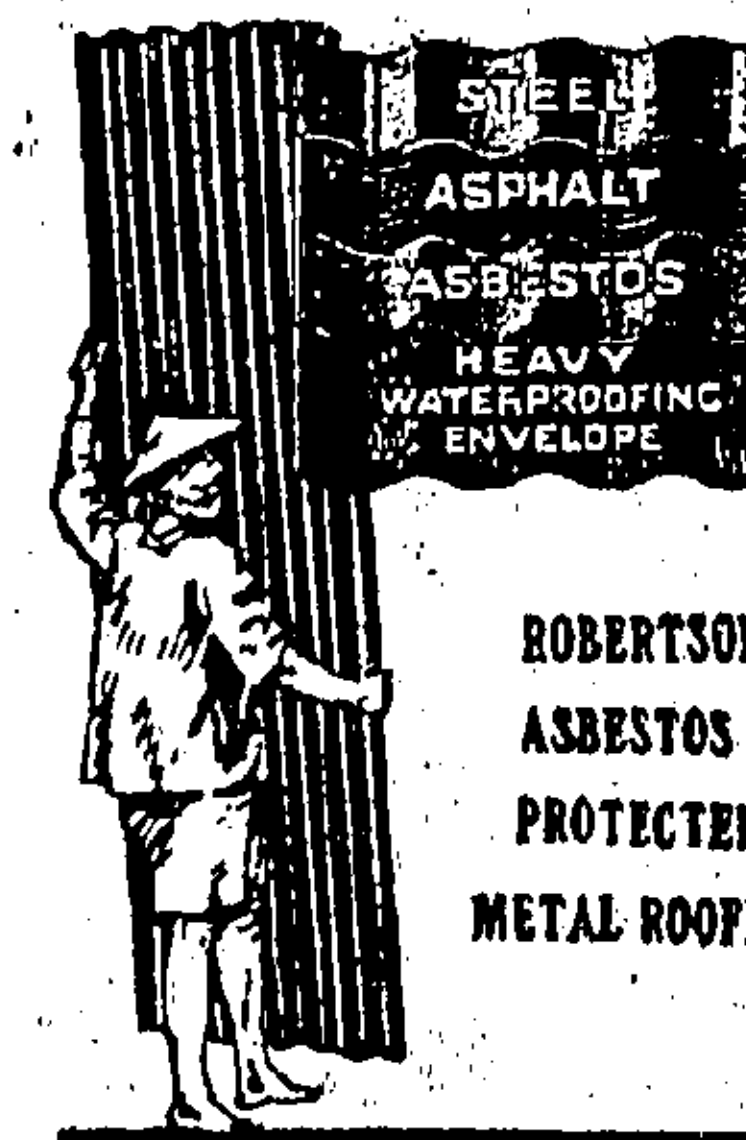
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DEFINITE RUPTURE.

CHINESE ADOPT ARMED
INTERVENTION.

RUSSIANS' THREAT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Jan. 19.

Telegrams from Manchuria reveal that the dispute which has been proceeding for some time between the Soviet authorities and the Chinese over the question of transportation of Chinese troops by the Chinese Eastern Railway is fast developing into a struggle for the de facto control of the railway.

Negotiations between the Chinese Authorities and the Soviet Consul-General at Harbin have ended in a definite rupture with the result that the Chinese have now adopted a policy of armed intervention. Traffic has ceased and the Russians have threatened to send troops to guard the line.

A passenger train, which was forcibly occupied by Heilungkiang troops, left Changchun for Harbin on Sunday under soldiers' coercion, and 1,200 Chinese troops were sent to Harbin by a special train on the following day.

A DECREASE.

BRITAIN'S UNEMPLOYED
FIGURES.

1925 REVIEW.

(British Official Wireless.)

Rugby, Jan. 19.

The annual review of labour conditions for the past year, contained in the Ministry of Labour "Gazette" which shows that the number of insured workers recorded as unemployed at the end of the year was slightly lower than in the previous December. Although legislative and administrative changes introduced has had some effect in reducing the numbers, it is stated that the reduction due to this cause was not considerable and that the fall in total numbers occurred despite an increase of about 228,000 in the total number of insured workers.

Whilst the figure for the recent month have shown a shrinkage in unemployment, the average of monthly percentages of unemployed in Britain and northern Ireland among insured persons was 11.3 as against 19.3 in the previous year. The increase was mainly due to the severe depression in the coal mining industry. Reports state that as compared with unemployment in 1924, there was improvement in tin plate, hosiery, clothing, furnishing, woodworking, paper manufacture, printing, and certain kinds of metal trades but a decline in coal and iron mining, pottery, ship building, marine engineering, and silk and linen industries.

BRITAIN'S NAVY.

MUST NOT BE LEFT IN
LURCH.

ADMIRALTY STATEMENT.

(British Official Wireless.)

Rugby, Jan. 19.

Referring to the Government's naval policy in a speech at Ludlow last night, the First Lord of Admiralty, the Right Hon. W. C. Bridgeman, said that although Britain was a country which depended more on sea than any other factor she was only a nation which had delayed now construction to last possible moments. It was not generally known that other great maritime powers, United States, Japan, France and Italy laid down after the war, benefiting by lessons of the war, over 800 ships of war from cruisers down to minesweepers. Britain's contribution was 11. While she was only too anxious and willing to enter into any agreement which would be safe for the country in regard to the limitation of our armaments either on sea, on land or in air, so long as other countries continued to arm themselves she must take care that she was not left in the

MR. G. DUNCAN, M.B.E.

HONGKONG AT WEMBLEY
HONOUR.

LOCAL SERVICES REWARDED.

Many friends in Kowloon and in the Colony generally will learn with pleasure that the name of Mr. George Duncan, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., has been included in the Wembley Honours List. A Reuter cablegram from London announces that the honour of M.B.E. has been bestowed on Mr. Duncan in connection with his work at, and on behalf of, the Hongkong section of the British Empire Exhibition. To Mr. Duncan's ingenuity and work were due the very fine models of the Dock Company, of some of the vessels it had constructed shortly before and the very artistic models of Hongkong (including "Hongkong by night.") These were the subject of special praise in the report of the joint Hongkong Chambers of Commerce Committee in charge of local arrangements for the British Empire exhibition.

Mr. Duncan, together with skilled artisans, supervised the adding of authentic Chinese touches such as printed signs etc. to the Hongkong section, and in this connection the Committee of the Chambers in charge of the local arrangements for the Exhibition, placed on record its appreciation of the services of Mr. R. M. Dyer, not the least of which was the release of Mr. Duncan, with others, for this work. The report of this Committee, to which the "China Mail" had access through the courtesy of Mr. M. F. Key, the Secretary of the special Committee, records that the efforts of Mr. Duncan contributed in no small degree to the efficient working of the Exhibition. Thanks were also due to the Dock Companies for their magnificent models all of which, especially "Hongkong By Night," attracted great attention and favourable comment. Another tribute paid to Mr. Duncan was when the London Committee put forward the proposal that Hongkong should participate in 1925.

Among those whose services were unanimously agreed upon as essential to ensure success again were those of Mr. Duncan. Mr. Duncan, before the Exhibition, was well known for his ingenuity in construction and his organising ability in connection with his work, undertaken in conjunction with others from the Dock Company in connection with the fashioning of the City Hall to the requisite periods on the occasion of St. Andrew's Ball, also for similar work undertaken in connection with the Kowloon Dock annual Bazaar and efforts in Hongkong for war charities.

CONSTABLE'S LAPSE.

CAUGHT RECEIVING A
BRIBE.

INDIAN SENT TO JAIL.

A Chinese detective gave evidence this morning in the case against an Indian constable who was charged with receiving a bribe of \$4 from a motor car driver.

At the previous hearing before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy, evidence was given that the defendant made an arrangement to meet the driver at Blake Pier to receive the money, which it was alleged, was the result of a threat made by the defendant to obtain a summons for having a defective rear light. Details were also given of a trap laid by the police to catch the constable in the act of receiving the money.

After the examination of his client from the witness box, Mr. D. McCallum submitted for the defence that a trap had been laid by the police to catch a man committing a serious crime, but that it had not succeeded so well as they hoped. He asked His Worshipship to believe the man's story that temptation had been thrown in his way and that he never had the money in his hand. The Magistrate said he believed the evidence for the prosecution and sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour.

A STOLEN RING.

PEAK EUROPEAN LADY'S
LOSS.

TELEPHONE COOLIE CONVICTED.

A delivery coolie and a repair man in the employment of the Telephone Company were brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning charged on two counts of larceny of a diamond ring valued at \$500 and receiving stolen property.

The owner of the ring was accidentally traced in the course of inquiries made by Sub-Inspector Shaftain after it had been pawned by the first defendant for \$300. The Inspector visited the Peak residences where telephones had recently been out of order and Mrs. T. Arthur, of No. 377, when shown the ring, identified it as her property. On looking through her trunk box it was found that another ring costing \$150 had also been stolen but this was not recovered. The theft had been committed while the men had access to the house in order to repair the telephone.

After hearing the evidence of Mrs. Arthur, a Chinese woman who pawned the ring, and the pawnbroker, the Magistrate held that the charges against the second defendant were not proved and he was discharged. The first defendant was sentenced to six months' hard labour. As regards the ring, the Magistrate said that he had no power to make order for its restoration to the owner without payment, as the pawnbroker had no evidence that it was stolen.

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CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

A lighter which had been seized for payment of debt and afterwards sold was the subject of a Supreme Court case this morning. Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Johnson, Stokes & Master) for the owner, claiming damages for wrongful conversion.

The lighter was the "Chuen On."

Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. (instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ) appeared for the defence.

The lighter had been hired by the owners, the Chan Yuk Chuen firm, to the "Po On" lighter company, said Mr. Jenkin in opening his case. The latter after a year's use handed it to the defendants (the Kwong Fook Hing Kee Shipway) for the purpose of strengthening and repairing it with the object of using it to carry stone cargo. The "Po On" company was unable to continue the hiring nor pay the full amount of the bill for repairs (\$2,600) and as a result, the Shipway Company set up a lien on the lighter.

Acting on a writ of execution against the "Po On" company, further stated Mr. Jenkin, the defendants pointed out the lighter to the bailiffs as the property of the "Po On" company and it was seized and sold, the price fetched being \$238.50. The purchasers were the defendants. The cost of the lighter to the plaintiffs in 1923 had been \$2,100.

By this sale, Mr. Jenkin held that the defendants had forfeited their right to lien.

The case for the defence was that the lien existed and that the Shipway company had a right to hold the lighter.

Upon the plaintiff giving evidence and the cross-examination by Mr. Alabaster proceeding, His Lordship suggested that Mr. Alabaster should confine himself to the point at issue, whether there had been conversion by the sale of the lighter. Mr. Alabaster contended that the plaintiff had also to prove that he was the owner of the lighter.

Mr. Alabaster submitted that he was entitled to a counterclaim. Permission was refused. The case is proceeding.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on January 20, 1926, was 2/4 9/16.

"HERMES" LEAVING.

TO BE REPLACED BY THE
"VINDICTIVE."

CHANGES NEXT MONTH.

On or about February 1, H.M.S. "Hermes" will be leaving Hongkong. She will sail via Singapore for the Mediterranean where she was stationed before coming out here; several months ago.

About the same time H.M.S. "Vindictive" will have arrived to join the China Station.

CANCER RESEARCH.

MOST VITAL PART OF WORK
ACCOMPLISHED.

DR. GYE'S STATEMENT.

(British Official Wireless.)

Rugby, Jan. 19.

Doctor W. Gye whose cancer research discoveries have created world-wide interest yesterday stated that recent researches had defined in practical terms the problem before them. "We know," he said, "what we have to solve and in my opinion the most important part of work has already been solved. Prospects for final solution of cause and probably prevention of disease are ripe."

Dr. Gye was speaking at a meeting in Yorkshire which county has just collected £150,000 to establish a cancer research centre to be connected with Leeds University.

CABLE CONTROL.

THE CHINESE OFFICE IN
HONGKONG.

TO BE UNDER CANTON?

From a very reliable source the "China Mail" learns that steps are being taken to secure for the Canton Government the control of the Hongkong office of the Chinese Telegraph Administration.

The present superintendent is Tung, who was appointed by the Peking Ministry of Communications. Mr. Au went to Canton on private affairs.

According to the report he was detained by the Public Peace Bureau and then released under a bond. Since then, it is stated, verbal directions have been passed on to Hongkong indicating that Canton would send a nominee to take charge.

On inquiry at the local office this morning a "China Mail" reporter was told that information for publication could only be given through the Peking office, but the report was neither denied nor confirmed. Meanwhile, the speaker added, business was being conducted as usual and there had been no hitch.

AN UNDESIRABLE.

RUSSIAN TO BE
DEPORTED.

A Russian who was recently ordered to the House of Detention was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with having no passport when he arrived in the Colony.

Defendant pleaded that his passport and other documents had been stolen by pirates. A conviction without penalty was recorded, an order was made for the man to be sent away from the Colony.

ARMED ROBBERY.

NEW TERRITORIES
INCIDENT.

An armed robbery was committed early yesterday morning at an old woman's hut on the new road between Sing Mun and Tsing Wan.

Several men entered the hut, one of them armed with a knife. The woman was felled to the ground and after robbing the place for fifteen minutes the robbers decamped with a small sum of money.

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LONDON TUBE FIRE.

THRILLING INCIDENTS NEAR
HAMSTEAD.

NO PERSONAL INJURY.

(British Official Wireless.)

Rugby, Jan. 19.

London network of tube railways which run at depth in some places of one hundred feet below surface have been free from any serious accident since the first of them was built some twenty-five years ago.

This morning fire broke out on what is known as Hamstead tube in the tunnel near Hamstead Station. It was apparently caused by short circuiting of cables. Dense clouds of black smoke issued from the tunnel into Hamstead Station. Two trains, packed with people on their way to business which were in the tunnel at the time were stopped by automatic signals which were put out of action by the breakdown and stood at danger.

One train which had not proceeded far into the tunnel was brought back. Another train had proceeded a considerable distance and was unable to move owing to lack of current. Officials, however, succeeded in running up to it an empty train which being of considerable length was able to pass over a portion of the rails which was still electrified and these passengers also were safely transferred and brought back. No personal injury therefore resulted. The fire was extinguished after the train service had been deranged for about an hour and half.

ITALY'S DEBT.

REFUNDING DISCUSSED IN
LONDON.

COUNT VOLPI'S VISIT.

(British Official Wireless.)

Rugby, Jan. 19.

A further meeting is taking place this afternoon between Mr. Winston Churchill, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Count Volpi, Head of the Italian Debt Funding Delegation. British and Italian experts are also to-day continuing examination of documents. It is not possible as yet to form any accurate idea of the duration of the negotiations and it is entirely premature at the present stage to discuss figures at possible terms of settlement. At a Cabinet meeting which is being held in Downing Street to-day, primarily to discuss arrangements for the coming session, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, it is understood, will report to his colleagues on the negotiations so far as they have proceeded.

VISIT TO "VICTORY."

Later.

The following communiqué in regard to negotiations for the funding of the Italian debt was issued this evening: "To-day a meeting took place at the Treasury between the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Italian Minister of Finance, Count Volpi Di Misurata, and experts, at which fundamental points at issue were brought forward and considered. Progress was made and two Ministers will resume when Mr. Churchill returns to London." To-morrow, Mr. Churchill will be the guest of honour at a dinner of the Leeds Chamber of Commerce. Meanwhile, Count Volpi with his wife and daughter and Signori Grandi and Butti will pay a visit to Portsmouth to inspect as guests of the Admiralty the historic battleship "Victoria," which was Lord Nelson's flagship at the battle of Trafalgar.

CHANG KAI-SHEK.

SHOT IN LEFT HAND.
REPORT.

WHAMPOA CADET ARRESTED.

That General Chang Kai-shek, commander-in-chief of the Canton Army, was shot in the left hand by an assassin in the act of a report published in the "Wah Tat Yat Po."

One of the cadets in the Whampoa Academy, whose name is given as Liang, was arrested and is alleged to have attempted to take the General's life.



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ARMS ON SHIP.

CASE BEFORE TWO
MAGISTRATES.

TWELVE FIREMEN CHARGED.

With Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major C. Willson sitting together at the Central Magistracy yesterday, eight Chinese were charged with unlawful possession of nine revolvers and 925 rounds of ammunition, and four others were charged with possession of some of the arms. The arrests followed the seizure of 53 revolvers and 5,564 rounds of ammunition on board the s.s. "Benavon" on December 12.

Mr. H. S. Fitzroy and Mr. Leo d'Almada each represented one of the defendants, and Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the remainder.

In answer to Mr. Lindsell, the prosecution stated that there was no evidence against the four men who had been indicated at the last hearing except that the seized property was found in the men's quarters.

Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke described the raid which he carried out with two European and Chinese revenue officers. Cross-examined by Mr. Fitzroy, witness said it did not appear that the firemen had left in the usual way. The place was untidy and things were in disorder. Answering questions, witness said he received information after the "Benavon" arrived in port. He did not think the disarranged condition of the place was due to the search by revenue officers. He thought someone had ransacked it before the officers arrived. Several sampans left the ship, but he saw no one climb aboard.

Revenue Officer Beattie also gave evidence as to the finding of the boxes and other packages.

The case was adjourned until Monday, the four defendants concerned in the second charge being allowed bail in \$100 each.

FIVE GASSED.

BURST MAIN PERIL IN THE
NIGHT.

Five people living in houses next or opposite to each other, were taken to Stockport Infirmary early in the morning suffering from gas poisoning.

It is supposed that there was a large escape from the main.

According to Mrs. Edwards, wife of William Edwards (42), a grocer, of Broom Street, Portwood, her husband heard a bang in the night, but could not ascertain the cause. When he got up he said he felt sick and began to stagger. He went downstairs, and she there found him lying unconscious.

She called in a doctor, and then went next door to a house round the corner in Brady Street. As she could get no answer she burst open the door and found Nellie Coleman (50) and Mary Cox (42) lying in bed unconscious. Miss Coleman appeared to be dead, but recovered a little later.

In houses on the other side of Brady Street, William Mogen (68), had been gassed, and had fallen with his head on the chimney place, and Elizabeth, Steat (50), was in bed suffering from the effects of the fumes.

IN PERFECT ORDER.

JURY INSPECT A HOOK
LADDER.

A FIREMAN'S DEATH.

The inquiry into the death of a recruit fireman was concluded at the Central Magistracy yesterday. In the morning, Mr. R. E. Lindsell and the jury visited the Wanchai Fire Station, where the accident occurred, and witnessed a demonstration of drill and inspected the tower.

It may be recalled that, at the first hearing last week, evidence was given that the recruit was using a hook ladder and fell when climbing to the highest stage of the tower.

Further evidence was taken yesterday, showing that the ladder used was in perfect working order.

The jury returned a verdict of Accidental Death. In reply to questions by the Coroner they said the drill had been properly and reasonably carried out, and that the recruit was not given more to do than might reasonably be expected of him.

COMETS' YEAR.

ORBITS OF TWO RECENT
DISCOVERIES.

"This year now holds the record for the number of comets observed," said Dr. Grommelin at the meeting of the British Astronomical Association in mail week.

The largest number of comets ever seen in any previous year was ten. That was in 1898. The recent discovery of Van Biebroek's comet and of Wilk's comet had brought the number for this year up to eleven.

Dr. Grommelin went on to discuss the orbits and the probable future careers of these two comets; but although he spoke with fair confidence about Wilk's comet he was unable, owing to the scarcity of observations, to say anything very definite about Van Biebroek's comet.

He said that Wilk's comet would probably fade rapidly, for although it would continue to approach the sun until December 7th, it was already hurrying away from the earth. It seemed likely that the comet either would never return again, or, if it did, not until after a long interval.

As far as could at present be judged, Van Biebroek's comet was also fading; it was probably nearest to the sun early in the present month. Neither of the two comets were, or will be, visible without optical assistance. Wilk's comet had no tail, but Van Biebroek's was possessed of at least an indication of one.

THE MECCA PILGRIMS.

Jeddah, January 8. The Jeddah Consulate states the Government of Sultan Ibn Saud is going to levy the following taxes on each pilgrim: 37½ Egyptian piastres equal to £ 4.68 ½ for quarantine duties, visag on passports 32½ piastres equals ¼ the so-called "ikram" (expenses for housing, etc.) £4 10s. of which £1 10s. belongs to the Government.

On account of bad times, the rent of houses has been lowered to one-half and that of shops to two-thirds of the normal rent.

THINGS OF SPIRIT.

LITERARY VALUE OF
GHOSTS.

"SHADOWS" IN ALL AGES.

"In literature, the ghost exists as a symbol of man's eternal ignorance and eternal interest in things of the spirit," said Miss Clemence Dunn, the playwright, in a lecture in mail week to the Six Point Group on "The Ghost in Literature," at which Mr. Alec Ross presided.

She disagreed, she said, with a distinguished man of letters, who told her that as soon as a ghost was introduced into a work of literature its literary value disappeared. The whole of literature was simply a record of the spirit in man.



MRS. JULIUS KAHN

Mrs. Julius Kahn, who has taken the place of her late husband in Congress from California, called on President Coolidge.

Homer's ghosts were facts, though shadows. Odysseus went to Hades as we to-day might go to Moscow. To the Greeks ghosts were piteous and helpless; to the Norsemen ghosts were dangerous enemies. With Shakespeare's time the ghost came into its own. Fairies and goblins and sprites came out of their hiding-places. "The Midsummer Night's Dream" established the place of the ghost in literature for ever.

The more word "ghost" had then, in a robust way, than our own, the power of reminding that there was another world, in which they would one day play a part. The ghost of Banquo is Macbeth's own thought incarnate. It is noticeable that Macbeth is never haunted by the ghost of Duncan, whom he had killed with his own hand. It is after the second outrage on his own better nature that Macbeth goes to pieces and sees a ghost. In Hamlet's father and Banquo the ghost in literature is crowned.

POWER TO HAUNT.

These matter-of-fact eighteenth century could not take ghosts seriously, but could not do without them all the same. William Blake was a man who seemed to live his whole life in the world of spirits.

Sir Walter Scott's "Wandering Willie's Tale" was perhaps the finest ghost-story in the world. Ghosts, generally, tended to die out; their power to haunt decreased with the years. In modern ghost-stories, also, it was curious how the writers were inclined to use children.

In our age the ghost had ceased to be ridiculous on the stage. It was Bernard Shaw who had restored the ghost to its proper place in "Man and Superman," "St. Joan," and "Back to Methuselah." The unalterable message of the ghost in literature was: "There is a beyond."

CELEBES 'QUAKE.

Wettedreden, January 9. At Menado, Celebes, a heavy earthquake lasting one minute was felt.

Heavy rains are falling at Semarang. The storm makes it impossible for the steamers to land passengers or cargoes.

At Balangnipa, the river is flooding the country, and has carried away a large iron bridge.

The Communist, Slamsjoedin, was sentenced by the Padang court to one and a half years' imprisonment for strike propaganda in the port of Ennisnaven.

Sergeant Huisjes, a pupil of the aviation school at Kalidjati, fell with his machine which exploded and was burnt. He himself escaped with a broken leg.

\$2,000 COFFIN.

BOOTLEGGER'S ROYAL
BURIAL.

PENSIONS FOR CRIMINALS.

They buried Sammy Amatuna a few days ago in Chicago with all the pomp and circumstance and almost the expensiveness of a Pharaoh (says Sir A. Maurice Low, in the "Morning Post.") They put his worthless, bullet-shredded body into a silver bronze coffin costing \$2,000; his admirers sent 50 truck loads of flowers, estimated to have cost \$5,000. One more original than the rest sent a life-size oil painting of the lost leader framed in white carnations.

Sammy was the product of his time and environment. He was the leader of a gang, gambler, bootlegger, trafficker in human flesh. He made money fast and came to the usual end. He went to a barber's shop to be shaved and oiled and perfumed; for Sammy was somewhat of an exquisite when he was not committing murder, and that night he was going to the opera, having the Italian's love of music. He never got there. As he stepped from the barber's chair two shots were fired and found lodgment in his body. The police asked him if he suspected anyone, but Sammy was true to the best traditions of the gangster. He suspected no one, although gangland was buzzing with the name of the assassin, and with that comforting lie he passed beyond. Gangland does not unnecessarily confide in the police; it settles its affairs in its own way. Sooner or later another gang leader will come to a violent end, the police will ask a few perfunctory questions, and there will be another great funeral.

It was because Sammy died as a gentleman and a gangster should, cynically mystifying the police, that gangland paid him this last homage. For hours before the funeral the streets of the Italian quarter about his house were blocked with a dense mass of men, women, and children watching with amazement the vans of the florists arriving with flowers, an endless procession. After brief religious services at the house the casket was carried out by pall-bearers in dinner jackets. It required an hour to load all the flowers into trucks, and the dingy streets were strewn with the petals of roses and chrysanthemums, the only touch of sweetness in that sordid place. Hundreds of men have sworn vengeance on Sammy's slayer. Hundreds of youths taking their first lessons in crime will be more studious. Every gangster knows his fate, but to die with his boots on, as Sammy did, to be followed to the tomb by wailing thousands, to be remembered as a leader, and to leave as a legacy a blood feud—what more could any gangster ask?

PERSUASION AS DETERRENT.

Sometimes one is inclined to think that New York, despite its sophistication, is still living in the age of innocence. Having tried the ordinary methods to suppress and detect the criminals who make New York their happy hunting ground, and having ingloriously failed, the trusting authorities have resorted to simpler and more humane methods, a combination of Freud, Coué, and the old-fashioned teaching of the Sunday schools.

In the elevated and subway cars are placards warning the criminal that the game does not pay, and to point the moral there are pictures of the big policeman pointing his revolver at the slinking criminal. Suggestion, my dear Watson, suggestion. All you have to do is to keep on telling the desperate crook he is bound to lose, and he will become a law-abiding, self-respecting, Church-supporting citizen, passing the plate and asking not even a slight commission for his work. It was the inspiration of genius, but unfortunately the underworld is stupid and unresponsive to suggestion. While the tired business man reads these thrilling placards and thanks his good fortune that he was born honest, the chief sitting next to him gently relieves him of his watch and money. Not only is the criminal stupid, but he is also ungrateful.

THE WAR ON CRIME.

Chicago, relying less on the powers of persuasion and more on the efficacy of the bullet, has adopted other methods in suppressing crime. The Chief of Police has organized a squad of picked men, crack marksmen, and fearless. His orders are concise. Arrest a known criminal on sight; he tells his men; if a man has a gun in his hand, kill him without any loss of time. When Chicago was an outpost of Western civilization, and the Indian was at its gate, the code of the white man was that the only good Indian was a dead Indian. Reaching

those pioneer days, the Chief of Police evidently believes that the gun-man has his place, and his place is six feet under ground.

Crime is such an expensive drain upon the law-abiding people of Chicago that according to the president of the Crime Commission it would be cheaper to pay the criminals a pension of \$4,000 yearly on their promise to forsake the city and never return. He estimates there are 30,000 professional criminals, or one per cent. of the population, and at \$4,000 a year apiece the pension roll would be \$120,000,000 annually. A not insignificant sum, and it gives some idea of the importance attached to the professional criminal in these days.

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KOHO MARU ... Monday, 28th January
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KOHO MARU ... Monday, 26th January
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7. **VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER**—Via Hongkong and Japan Ports.
HAYRE MARU (From Keelung) ... Saturday, 19th February
8. **HAIPHONG**—Via Saigon and FAKHOI.
TAIKWA MARU ... Friday, 22nd January at 12 a.m.
AMAKUSA MARU ... Friday, 6th February at 10 a.m.
9. **JAPAN PORTS**
ALPS MARU ... Wednesday, 20th January
REINHOE MARU ... Saturday, 23rd January
SANKU MARU ... Sunday, 24th January
10. **CELEBES, SWATOW & AMOY**
AMAKUSA MARU ... Thursday, 21st Jan. at 11 a.m.
KAIJO MARU ... Thursday, 21st Jan. at 11 a.m.
11. **TAIKWA VIA SWATOW & AMOY**
KOTSU MARU ... Thursday, 23rd Jan. at 8 a.m.
12. **TAIKWA VIA SWATOW & AMOY**
KOTSU MARU ... Thursday, 23rd Jan. at 8 a.m.
13. **BATAVIA MARU** ... Tuesday, 26th January
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Jan. 25.	O.S.K.	Kotsu Maru
Feb. 5.	J.C.J.L.	Tikini

AMOY.

Jan. 21.	O.S.K.	Amakusa Maru
Jan. 23.	J.C.J.L.	Tikini
Jan. 25.	O.S.K.	Kotsu Maru
Feb. 5.	J.C.J.L.	Tikini

FOOCHOW.

Jan. 26.	D.L.	Haining
Jan. 28.	D.L.	Haining
Jan. 30.	J.C.J.L.	Tikini
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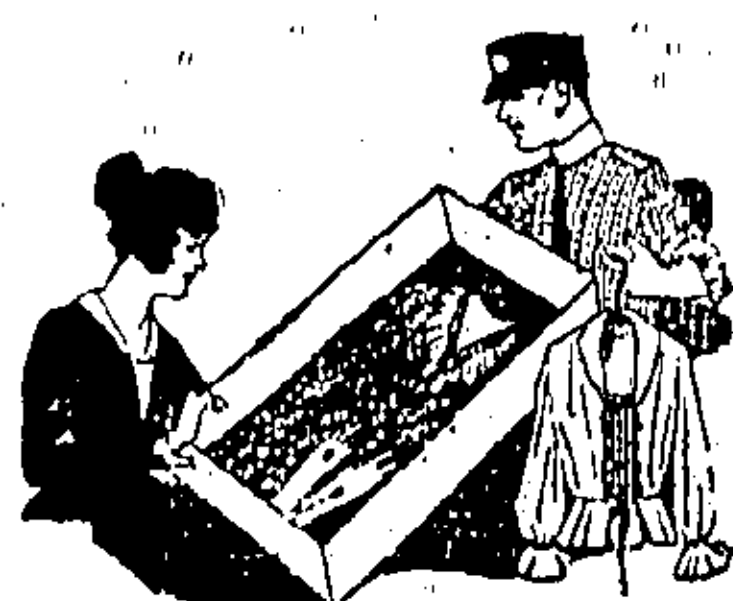
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BRITAIN'S WIRELESS WONDER.

The British have a habit of muddling through. Their custom seems to be to allow the rest of the world to gain the start and then, awaking to the fact that they have been left behind, to forge ahead and pass all rivals. This has happened so often now that it ceases to excite any surprise. Thus the big strides that Britain has just made in the wireless world leave us cold. None the less they are worthy of note. From a London despatch we learn that amazing success has attended the official tests of Rugby's huge wireless station. The first trial was in broad daylight and the results were most gratifying. America advised that the Rugby signals came through extremely well, and were easily ten times stronger than those from Leafeld, which hitherto was Britain's best station. The report from South Africa said Rugby was easily the most distinct station in Europe. Since then the test signals have ranged over the whole 24 hours, and the officials were delighted to learn that predawn signals were picked up with amazing clarity in Australia and New Zealand. The success was all the more surprising because only half of the 12 masts and only half of the bewildering array of three miles of aerials were in use. The remainder of the aerials at present are being devoted to two-way telephony tests to America, as a result of which, it is hoped, a London subscriber soon will be able to call up a number in New York. Meanwhile it is thought there is no limit to the Rugby station's possibilities for swift and accurate wireless transmission throughout the world. It is revealed that the secret of the success achieved is the creation of a master oscillator, produced by the British Post Office's Research Department, whereby the wavelength keeps its own path, and overcomes the atmosphere. This is especially important in the case of traffic to Australia, and it is considered that it will permit of ships being in constant touch with the Rugby station from any point of Australia, and also continuously on the voyage en route to London. One of the great advantages of the

GREAT.

Who are the twelve figures in human history most worthy of remembrance as the world's greatest heroes? This question would tax the oldest, yet it is to be given to school children to decide. Prizes are to be awarded for the best essays on the dozen historic characters deemed most deserving of being placed in the category of the great. The schools of the world, if the scheme matures, should be busy in the coming spring. In the effort to make a case for their heroes, the youthful judges are expected to give special consideration to nobility of character, fearless and self-sacrificing devotion to a great cause, and constructive work for humanity of a permanent nature. Pupils and teachers alike throughout the world are thus to be stimulated to a fresh appraisal of the elements of greatness. The world's men and women who have reflected this quality are to become the familiars, through research, of the boys and girls and their pedagogical guides. Ideals are to be awakened or revised, and the young peoples will declare what, in their opinion, is the character or the achievement most worthy of emulation, and the process of imitation will receive a new impulse; for youth, and indeed, maturity, though possibly not so vividly, visions itself in the likeness of that which it most admires, and consciously or unconsciously moves towards that ideal. We sincerely trust Hongkong will be invited to take part in the competition. The names of religious founders, as well as names of persons now living, are to be excluded from the competition. Some may wonder how much of true greatness is to be found in the annals of all peoples and periods apart from the element of deep religious conviction. Many objects of an ameliorative and uplifting nature have emanated from a purely religious feeling; but many of the world's best and purest are engaged in such things, whilst disavowing any of the recognised orthodox religious beliefs, and

merely acting from a deep sense of man's humanity to man. The proposed competition should do good in laying down true principles of greatness.

Great, not like Caesar, stained with blood
and removing the subject as far as possible from the scene of warring conduct to the conflict of everyday life.

A Health Vision.

There was formed last month in London the New Health Society, whose glorious vision is a Britain without disease. It sounds Utopian, indeed, but it is claimed in all seriousness that drugs and operations will vanish if the new health principles prevail; the golden age of health will dawn. Medical men will be reassured when they are told that their services will still be required; but the supreme test will be the prevention of illness, not curing it. Doctors in future—if the Society has its way—will be the keepers of the public health, not merely curers of the people's sickness. The panacea is all a matter of diet and healthy living. There is to be a better balance in the diet, the four points of which are increased milk consumption, greater consumption of fruit, more green leaf vegetables, and the whole cereal—the non-machine milled material that retains its husk and its germ. None of these four points is novel or fresh. It must be over thirty years since a prominent medical man at Home published the results of feeding one dog on white bread and another on brown bread for three months, at the end of which period the "white bread dog" was merely a bag of bones and the "brown bread dog" a picture of good nourishment. More recently, with the aid of the music hall and the gramophone, the "eat more fruit" propaganda has created a great deal of public interest. Still, the New Health Society is not condemnatory of meat; nor does it proclaim that nuts are the only food. Its aim is to take something out of the enormous variety of foods that are accessible, from which can be put together a diet perfectly adequate. All this is entirely praiseworthy; but even as it is one thing to take a horse to the well and another thing to make it drink, so it is one thing to preach the doctrine of the simple diet and quite another thing to induce the populace to practise what is preached.

LOCAL IMPORTS.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

Extracts from the chapter on imports, in the fortnightly report (on January 15) of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce read:—

IMPORTS—PRICES CURRENT.

The figures are published as supplied by Importers and the Chamber cannot accept responsibility for the accuracy thereof. Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.—The market remains virtually unchanged with little or no new business in either Greys, Whites or Fancies. Both descriptions of cotton show an upward tendency. Latest quotations to hand from Liverpool are those of January 14, i.e., Mid. Am. 10.80 "Spot." Eg. Sakel. 18.55d. later an advance of over 2d. per pound on lowest point touched on December 23, 1925.

Cotton Yarn.—The situation is practically unchanged, and dealers are still holding aloof from the market. Nominal quotations are:—No. 10s. \$175/195. No. 12s. \$190/98. No. 16s. \$205/210. No. 20s. \$210/215. Arrivals 600 bales. Shipments nil. Sales nil. Unsold stock 4,500 bales. Bargains 3,800 bales.

Woolens.—Nothing to report. Raw Cottons.—No sales to report.

Metals.—Spot business stagnant, with few enquiries forward. Flour Market Report.—Stock: About 350,000 sacks. Market easier on account of smaller demand from outports. Quotations:—American Patent, \$4.35 per sack; American Straight, \$3.60 per sack; American Cut off, \$3.60 per sack; Shanghai Flour, \$3.55 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$3.60 per sack; Canadian Cut-off, \$3.20 per sack. Sundries.—Market quiet. Very little movement of local stocks on account of restricted exports.

Java Sugar.—Market quiet and/or very quiet.

Philippine and Hainan Sugar, Singapore Candy.—Market very quiet.

Salt-petre.—Stocks (No. 1) 11,000 bags. Market remains very dull since last report.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

January, 1926.
A CALENDAR. 18, Mon., Benjamin Franklin born, 1706.
19, Tues., John Howard died, 1790.
20, Wed., John Ruskin died, 1900.
21, Thurs., Henry Hallam, historian, died, 1859.
22, Fri., Lord Byron born, 1788.
23, Sat., William Pitt died, 1806.
24, Sun., Federation of Trade Unions, 1899.

He belonged to JOHN RUSKIN, the century which he just lasted out, did Ruskin, and the clever people of to-day say that he is old-fashioned. Very modern artists laugh at his teaching, and economists tell us that his theories are unsound.

Yet Ruskin had an influence which was profound not only in his own time, but which still counts. Himself no Democrat, he yet influenced Democrats more than perhaps any other writer. "Unto This Last" still has the power to stir the noble emotions of generous youth.

There is a wonderful magic in his prose, and he owes much of his influence to his word pictures and his long, rhythmical sentences. But he counts most for his message against ugliness and against wrong.

This night was JANUARY 20, formerly much ST. AGNES' EVE, ventured a young maidens who wished to know when and by whom they should marry. It was required that, on this day they should not eat, which was called "fasting St. Agnes' fast." Keats has made this custom the subject of one of his poems. Formerly on the eve of St. Agnes' Day the following custom was, and perchance still is observed in the

northern parts of Scotland by the mountain peasantry. A number of young lads and lasses meeting together on the eve of St. Agnes at the hour of twelve, went one by one to a certain cornfield, and threw in some grain, after which they pronounced the following rhyme:—

Agnes sweet and Agnes fair,
Hither, hither, now repair;
Monny Agnes, let me see
The lad who is to marry me.

The prayer was granted by their favourite saint, and the shadow of the destined bride or bridegroom was seen in a mirror on this very night.

THE VALUE OF THE CINEMAS, as a recorder of historical acts, is shown by the pictures of the signing of the Locarno pact at the Foreign Office, London. Future generations will be able to see what our present political leaders looked like on an occasion of great interest. The Queen's Theatre should have been packed to the doors during the screening of this brief ceremony.

SHAKESPEARE'S KING NAMED Macbeth, A better King never drew breath;

The faults of his life
Were all due to his wife,
The notorious Lady Macbeth.

What is the origin of the phrase, "The man in the street," and in what connection was it first used? The phrase "The man in the street" is usually attributed to Emerson, who uses the phrase frequently, but the expression was undoubtedly used before his time. The earliest quotation of it in the large Oxford Dictionary is dated 1831 (from the *Creville Memoirs*), the context being as follows: "The other side affirms that the King will not consent to it, knowing, as 'the man in the street' (as we call him at Newmarket) always does, the greatest secrets of kings." It was evidently a common phrase in 1831.

GAELIC WRATH.

In the good old times many things of great interest were wont to happen "north of the Highland line," says the "Daily Telegraph." The dull Saxon, who had supposed that the blood of the Gael coursed with less effervescence nowadays, must learn that his feuds and his fervour are still lively enough. The news of a recent flurry about Inveraray tells of as pretty a quarrel as a man need want. The protagonists are The MacCallein Mor and the minister of Inverchalain, and that simple fact throws glamour over the whole affair. It began about a font which was missing from the parish church of Cairndow. How churches lose fonts we are not to inquire. This is a story of life in the Highlands. Rumour with many tongues said that Cairndow's font had somehow got into the Episcopal church of Inveraray. The insinuation we humbly conceive to be that the Episcopalians "conveyed" it. At this the Duke of Argyll arose in his wrath and wrote to the papers, and if we understand him, of which we feel no confidence, he said that the font of the Episcopalians was a font which had been lying about in the ducal shrubbery whither it had come from the old parish church of Kilmallow. Why any font should walk into a shrubbery, even though it be the shrubbery of MacCallein Mor, we vainly speculate. In the course of this fascinating explanation something was said about the minister of Inverchalain. What he had to do with it, or how he came into it, remains as mysterious as the Etruscan. But having got in, the reverend gentleman seems, if we may say so, to enjoy himself thoroughly. The Duke and the minister have been blazing away in a mutual bombardment of great fury. The Duke complains fiercely of the minister's meddling in

The Hague, Jan. 8.—According to the Detering plan, teachers of the lower and higher schools in Holland will make a trip through the Dutch East Indies in the course of this year. Ex-director Phillips of the Dutch tobacco industry, has been sentenced to repay fl. 224,925 for having reserved for himself 800 shares at a lower price.

WEMBLEY HONOURS.

HONGKONG MAN GETS
EMPIRE ORDER.

TWO DECORATIONS FOR MALAYA.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 19.

The Wembley Exhibition Honours, which were gazetted to-night, include the following:—

Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire—Mr. Andrew Caldecott, Malaya.

Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire—Mr. George Duncan, Hongkong.

Honorary Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire—Jain Kechil and Sultan Abdullah, Malaya.

The Lion's Share.

London, later.

Australasia gets the lion's share of the Wembley Exhibition Honours with six out of 35 recipients.

General Sir Travers Clarke heads the list with the Knight of the Grand Cross of the Empire.

The only woman, Lady Galway, (Chairman of the Women's Section), gets a Commandership of the Order of the Empire.

The list contains four Knight Commanderships of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, the remainder being minor decorations.

SHIPPING IN 1925.

GREAT BRITAIN LEADS IN
CONSTRUCTION.

REDUCTION ON PREVIOUS YEAR.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 19.

According to Lloyd's annual summary, 855 vessels, aggregating 1,043,000 tons gross, were launched in 1925, while 1924 per cent, namely 1,085,000 tons, were launched in the British Isles.

Germany comes second with 406,000 tons; Italy, 342,000 tons; and the United States, 121,000 tons. Japan is eighth with 57,000 tons. There is a decrease in the total output of 54,000 tons compared with 1924. The decrease in the British Isles is 355,000 tons, thus showing an increase abroad of 301,000 tons. There were 178,000 tons launched in Great Britain for owners abroad.

NOT DANGEROUS.

TETRAETHYL AND LEAD IN
PETROL.

RISK OF BLENDING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, Jan. 19.

That commercial petrol containing tetraethyl and lead is not dangerous to health, and there is no reason why its sale under proper regulations should be prohibited, is the finding of the Committee appointed in May last.

The Committee's report is based on a study of 256 persons who were exposed in various degrees to the exhaust fumes of gas.

It is pointed out, however, that there is serious danger to health in the manufacture and blending of tetraethyl and lead, which must be subject to precise regulations here.

CAVALRY ACTION.

ADVANCED POSTS DRIVEN
BACK.

WEI YI-SAN RETIRING.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, Jan. 19.

According to latest reports, Mukden cavalry attacked and drove back Wei Yi-san's advanced posts near Wanchiatun, on Sunday.

Wei, yesterday, began a general retirement from Shanhaikuan to Chinwangtao, where he will be in touch with the first Kuomintang leader, Tan Shih-tao, who is at Leanchow.

Wei commands about 10,000 men and Tan about 6,000.

AN ILL WIND.

BLOWS ORDERS TO GREAT
BRITAIN.

U.S. MINERS' STRIKE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Jan. 19.

The anthracite mines strike deadlock has resulted in renewal of interest in Welsh coal. It is reported that large orders were placed in Britain last week.

Coke is very scarce and steel companies report extreme difficulty in obtaining supplies.

FROM HONGKONG?

CHINESE SMUGGLED INTO
AUSTRALIA.

DEAD MEN'S CERTIFICATES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Melbourne, Jan. 19.

The Federal authorities have taken active measures to terminate the practice of trying to smuggle Chinese into Australia on the birth certificates of dead Chinese.

It was stated that the headquarters of the conspiracy are in Hongkong.

ENGINES REVERSED.

RESHUFFLING OF SOVIET
GOVERNMENT.

MOVE TO OBTAIN CREDITS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Paris, Jan. 19.

The papers are most interested in the Ministerial reshuffling in the Soviet Government.

The "Gaulois" declares that the Bolsheviks wish to show a more moderate front in order to obtain credits.

The "Excelsior" attributes the eagerness of the Soviets to reopen negotiations with France to the paucity of agricultural machinery and fertilisers, which Russian industry is unable to supply.

The "Petit Journal" says that the Soviet Government is being compelled to reverse engines under formidable pressure from the peasants and small tradesmen.

The "Petit Parisien" declares that the Franco-Soviet pourparlers will be resumed next week.

FIVE-FIVE-THREE.

STRENGTH OF AMERICAN
NAVY.

REPUBLICAN FEARS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 19.

The House of Representatives debated the strength of the United States Navy.

Most of the Republicans defended the economies recommended by the Appropriations Committee, but the Republican, Mr. Britten, feared that the United States was in danger of falling below the five-five-three naval ratio which he insisted the British were fully maintaining.

The Republican, Mr. French, who is a member of the Appropriations Committee, denied that America was below the ratio.

AIR PASSENGERS.

BRITAIN TO AUSTRALIA
COMFORTS.

TWELVE DAYS' VOYAGE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 19.

Two-berth sleeping cabins, a dining saloon, and a lounge were among the details sketched by Sir Sefton Brancker whilst lecturing before the Overseas League and describing airships which "possibly in the very near future" will carry a hundred passengers and baggage from Britain to Australia via India within ten or twelve days, cruising about 65 miles an hour. "We started the Cairo-Karachi service, and Australia has started to meet us. The meeting will probably be at Singapore."

MEXICO'S LAWS.

INJUNCTIONS BY FOREIGN
COMPANIES.

NEW PETROLEUM ACT.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Mexico City, Jan. 19.

Approximately thirty applications for injunctions to restrain the Mexican Government from enforcing a retroactive application of the new Petroleum Law have been filed in the District Courts by foreign oil companies.

Meanwhile, Committees representing foreign companies are conferring with Senor Luis Morones, Minister of Industry and Commerce, regarding the details of the new law.

ACROSS PERSIA.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION
BILL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Teheran, Jan. 19.

The Minister for Public Works has submitted a Bill authorising the construction of a railway across Persia.

LUTHER'S TASK.

PARTY DIFFERENCES
OVERCOME.

FINAL EFFORT SUCCEEDS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, Jan. 19.

Dr. Luther's efforts to form a Coalition Cabinet comprising Democrats, Centrists, German People's and Bavarian People's Parties have failed owing to the differences between the Democrats and the Bavarians.

The Democrats insisted on Herr Koch being given the Ministry of the Interior, whereas the Bavarians objected to Herr Koch as a danger to the Federal system of the Reich on account of his strong Democratic and Republican views.

Dr. Luther will make a final effort to-day to bring the parties together, but in the event of his failure, which is most probable, the President (Marshall von Hindenburg) will be faced with the alternatives of asking Dr. Luther to form a Cabinet of officials and experts or of inviting another politician to try his luck.

HINDENBURG FIRM.

Berlin, later.

President Hindenburg has made a move to help Dr. Luther to solve the Cabinet-making difficulties. He received the leaders of the various Parties and told them that a Government must be formed and that the situation would be very serious if Dr. Luther failed.

Subsequently all the Parties conferred with Dr. Luther, and all agreed to his proposed Cabinet which is according to the forecast cabled on Sunday, but includes Dr. Kuehl as Minister of the Interior.

The proposed Cabinet comprises the following:—Dr. Luther, Chancellor; Dr. Stresemann, Foreign Affairs; Dr. Kuehl, Interior; Dr. Brauns, Labour; Dr. Marx, Justice; Herr Reinhold, Food; (?) Count von Kunitz, Communications; (?) Her Oesser, Defence; Dr. Gessler, Posts and Occupied Territory.

The Parties thus represented include the Democrats, Centre Party, German People's Party, and the Bavarian People's Party.

Neither the Socialists nor the Nationalists are represented. Thus the Government will have to follow a clear and careful programme and its foreign policy will remain unchanged.

"SMOKE" PROFITS.

IMPERIAL TOBACCO CO.'S
PROSPERITY.

FINAL DIVIDEND AND BONUS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Jan. 19.

At the annual meeting of shareholders the Directors of the Imperial Tobacco Company recommended a final dividend of nine per cent, and a bonus of 1/6 per share, both free of Income-tax, on ordinary shares for the year ended October 31, 1925, placing £500,000 to General Reserve Account, £250,000 for provision for pensions, and carrying forward £643,000.

IRISH CURRENCY.

NEW COINAGE BILL IN
THE DAIL.

NICKEL SILVER AND BRONZE.

(Reuter's Service.)

The Irish Free State Minister of Finance (Mr. Ernest Blythe) introduced a Bill into the Dail Eireann providing for the establishment of new coinage currency in nickel silver and bronze.

The coinage proposed will be subject to similar limitations as regards legal tender as the existing British coinage.

[Silver is not a legal tender for sums over £2, nor bronze, including farthings, for sums over one shilling.]

RUBBER NEEDS.

ARE AMERICANS REDUCING
CONSUMPTION?

WHAT MR. HOOVER THINKS!

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Jan. 19.

Mr. Herbert Hoover, Secretary for Commerce, has published a statement in which it is estimated that the consumption of rubber in the United States in December was 7,000 tons, below that of November. Whilst it is regarded that the reduction was partly seasonal, he thought that it indicated a desire on the part of the American public to reduce consumption on account of high prices.

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SHIPPING PAY.

CHINA COAST OFFICERS
SCHEDULE.

BENEFITS & PENSIONS.

Below will be found a table giving the rates of pay, etc. to the masters, deck and engineer officers of the three principal China Coast shipping companies.

This information was sent to the "N.C. Daily News" (published on January 16) and is described as "what the officers are getting at present; the arbitration rates and conditions."

It is stated that one of the companies proposes a reduction as from March 1.

The table follows:—

Master.

1st year \$42 1/2 = \$456.36

2nd " 48 = 514.29

3rd " 48 = 514.29

4th " 48 = 514.29

5th " 48 = 514.29

6th " 53 = 587.86

7th " 53 = 587.86

8th " 53 = 587.86

9th " 53 = 587.86

10th " 53 = 587.86

11th " (Max) 56 = 606.00

Chief Officer.

1st year \$26 = \$273.57

2nd " 27 = 289.29

3rd " 28 = 300.00

4th " 29 = 310.71

5th " 30 = 341.43

6th " (Max) 32 = 342.86

Second Officer.

1st year \$22 = \$235.71

2nd " 23 = 246.43

3rd " (Max) 24 = 257.14

Chief Engineer.

1st year \$38 = \$407.14

2nd " 40 1/2 = 433.93

3rd " 40 1/2 = 433.93

4th " 40 1/2 = 433.93

5th " 40 1/2 = 433.93

6th " 45 1/2 = 487.50

7th " 45 1/2 = 487.50

8th " 45 1/2 = 487.50

9th " 45 1/2 = 487.50

10th " 45 1/2 = 487.50

11th " (Max) 49 = 525.00

Second Engineer.

1st year \$26 = \$273.57

2nd " 27 = 289.29

3rd " 28 = 300.00

4th " 29 = 310.71

5th " 30 = 341.43

6th " (Max) 32 = 342.86

Third Engineer.

1st year \$22 = \$235.71

2nd " 23 = 246.43

3rd " (Max) 24 = 257.14

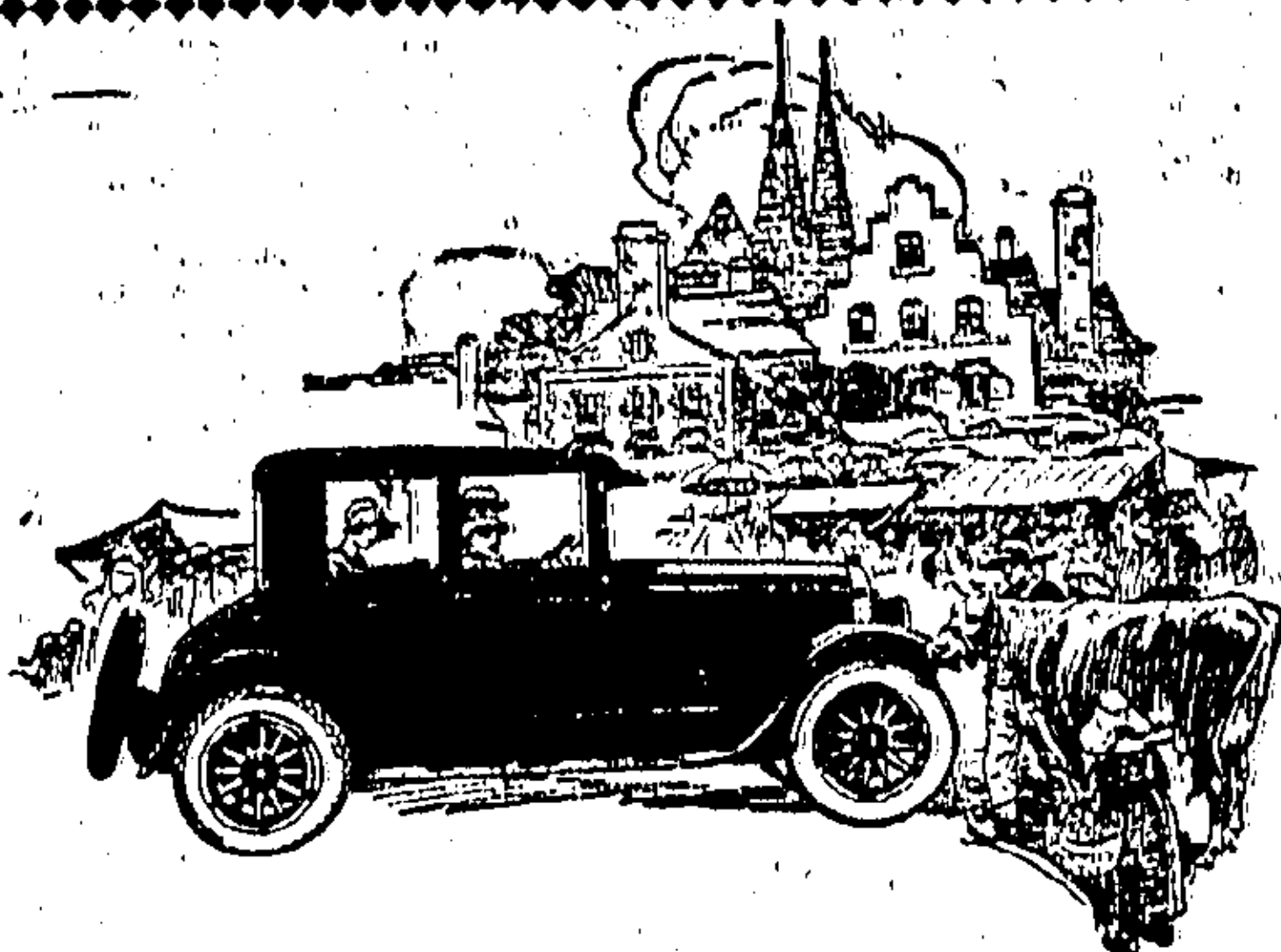
An increase of 10 per cent. on above rates to all married ranks having wives and/or children (not exceeding the age of 17 years each) and resident in the East.

The above Sterling amounts are payable, half at 1/9 and half at not more than 2/- to the dollar.

Hospital expenses and full pay while incapacitated by illness or accident.

Nine months' home leave, with six months' full sterling pay as a total, is granted after five years' service.

On leave being due, free return home passages are granted. Masters 1st class and officers 2nd class, at P. & O. rate. Free return passages are also granted for wives and up



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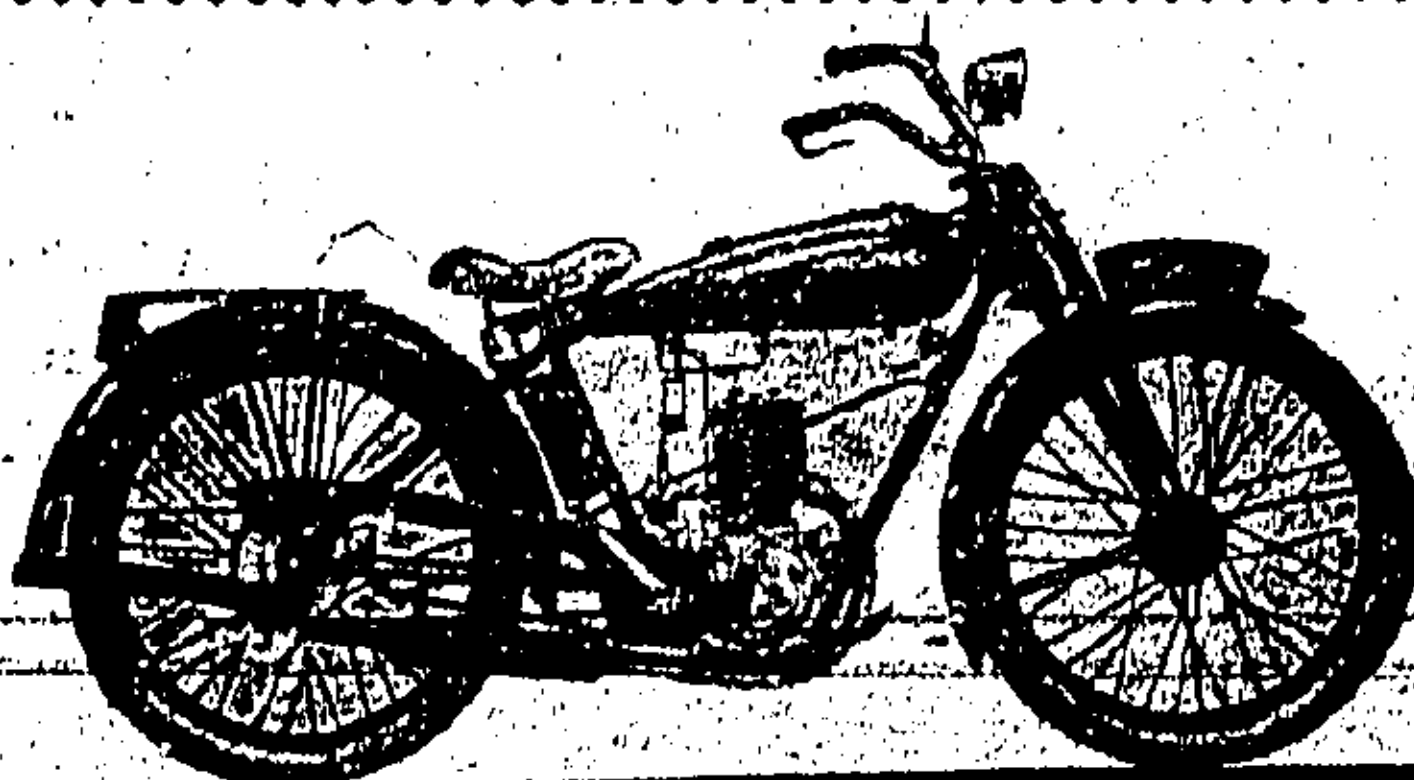
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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

According to Covent Garden merchants the Christmas tree is as popular as ever. "I personally am handling 100,000 trees," said one merchant.

At the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, during Christmas week a lifelike presentation of a snow man skinning down a bank was the admiration of all beholders. Complete in every detail from cap and gauntlets to stick and skis, the figure was the work of an artist.

A Chinese arrested during a raid at No. 12, Hin Fat Street, on Sunday, was charged at the Central Magistracy yesterday with possession of 7 lbs. of raw opium and five tins of prepared opium. He was fined \$200, or two months' imprisonment on the first count, and \$2,000, or eight months' imprisonment on the second count.

A coolie working on one of the Sandakan timber camps died recently from the effects of an overdose of Chinese medicine prescribed for him by a well meaning friend. A sample was sent to Singapore for analysis and was found to include among its ingredients such things as musk, pearl, amber, frankincense, szechuan musk-deer, scorpion and centipede bodies.

The Singapore Amateur Dramatic Committee contemplate producing, in the near future, another of the popular Gilbert and Sullivan operas. Since the best production of this nature, the Gondoliers, many newcomers have arrived in the Colony, and many old friends have left. The committee, therefore, have decided to follow the procedure they adopted when preparing for the production of the Gondoliers, and ask all who are interested in operatic work, who have voices, and would like a chance of taking part in the coming production, to send in their names to Mr. W. T. Houghton, care of Messrs. Lewis and Peat, Ltd.

Framed copies of match cards showing Jack Hobbs's centuries in cricket have been hung in all the boys' schools at Wimbledon.

For the third year in succession the officers and crew of the United States liner "Leviathan" gave a Christmas party to 1,000 of Southampton's poorest children.

Stratford woman, in Bow County Court: "If you have a lot of babies they talk 'birth control' to you, and if you have none they steer and say, 'What have you done for your country?'"

When a woman was summoned at Wildesden for keeping a dog without a licence an Inland Revenue officer said he was walking past a house when the dog flew out and tried to bite him. He asked the owner for the licence and found she had none.

When the Tokyo Stock Exchange closed for the New Year holidays, all records for a single day's transactions had been broken, the total number of shares affected by deals that day aggregating 892,260, the greatest figure in the history of the institution. The exchange was founded in Tokyo in 1877.

The Tokyo theatres started the New Year well. The Kabukiza theatre began a new series of performances with 5,000 reserved seats already sold, and all the first and second class seats reserved up to January 5. The Imperial Theatre opened with a new bill and almost all the seats in the house were sold up to January 15. Many business organisations took great blocks of tickets for their staff employees, and one block reservation was that of the Woman's Suffrage Federation at the Imperial Theatre on January 14. Large and small restaurants likewise were booked for many private dinner parties and they expect many more impromptu ones. The Fumuro Restaurant was engaged daily by various parties until January 15.

After a burglary at a Chelsea church it was discovered that the window through which the burglar had apparently entered was not covered by the insurance policy.

The Draeger breathing apparatus, manufactured by Messrs. H. and B. Draeger, Luebeck, Germany, has been approved by the Board of Trade for use at rescue stations and mines.

When a widow was sued for possession of premises at Whitechapel County Court, it was said that she had lived rent free for nearly eight years by the generosity of the landlord.

"You shall tell the truth, the whole truth. The saucer is cracked, and if you do not tell the truth your soul shall be cracked like the saucer." This was the form of oath administered to four Chinamen, at Manchester Assizes.

The return showing the number of cases of notifiable diseases which have occurred in the Colony of Hongkong during last week contains one (imported) case of small-pox and four cases of diphtheria (two British and two Chinese).

It was announced in the "London Gazette" that a receiving order has been made against Sir Brodrick Hartwell, Bart. Sir Brodrick Hartwell has been prominent recently in connection with whisky running ventures to America. In April last he announced that 30,000 cases from one cargo had been seized by the American Customs.

The Boston Red Sox baseball team will be some \$5,000 the poorer following a decision by the Board of Tax Appeals that they must pay this additional income tax on the profits of the sale of "Babe" Ruth, and Carl Mays, two baseball "giants," to the New York Yankees. \$28,000 was paid for the two men, in three yearly instalments.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. N. F. Prew, B.A., leaves for America, on Sunday next, where he will rejoin his parents.

Members of the Shanghai Sport Story Club met at the McTear School, 1, Edinburgh Road. Stories by Mr. Adamson and Mrs. Cressey were read and every member was asked to bring a newspaper clipping which might suggest a plot for a short story.

Sir Charles Eliot, the British Ambassador, was entertained by the British communities of Tokyo and Yokohama on December 22, 1925 at a reception at the Seimei Hoken Kyokai in Marunouchi. All British residents were invited to attend to say good-bye to his Excellency.

As in previous years, a deputation of ex-Service men, drawn on this occasion from six different departments at Head Office of the B.A.T. Co., bore our floral offering to the Cenotaph, says the B.A.T. "Bulletin".

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Messrs. F. Wakefield, 1914-15 Star, War, Victory and M.S. Medals (Registration Department); A. G. Eves, War and Victory Medals (Insurance Department); S. J. Quin, War, Victory and M.S. Medals (Legal Department); H. S. Howell, War and Victory Medals (Leaf Department); A. G. Betteridge, 1914-15 Star, War, Victory and Serbian Gold Medal (Supply Department); and J. O. Johnston, War and Victory Medals (Accounting Department).

Funeral services for Mrs. H. E. Martin of Yokohama, who died just before midnight on New Year's Eve, December 31, after a long fight against consumption, were held at Christ Church, Rev. C. Hodges officiating. Mrs. Martin, whose husband is connected with Butterfield and Swire of Yokohama, came to Japan a year ago. She died at the age of 28 and is only survived by her husband. She had attended an amateur performance which had been given in Yokohama the night of December 29 and had left the show in a serious condition which ended in her death. Pall bearers at the funeral were Mr. H. W. Kent and Mr. J. T. Towns of Butterfield and Swire; Captain Shaw, commander of the Blue Funnel steamship "Philoctetes" which was in Yokohama, and Mr. J. B. I. Gibbs.

The death is announced of Mrs. Charles Edward Ducat Penny-cuik, widow of the former Postmaster-General and Director of Telegraphs, Ceylon.

The paying-off ball of H.M.S. "Hawkins" will take place on board this evening, commencing at 8.30 p.m. The officers' ball has been arranged for the following evening.

Mr. E. F. O'Connor, the newly appointed manager for the Tokyo office of the Dollar Steamship line, was a passenger on the hydroplane which carried the papers of the "President McKinley" from Kobe to Yokohama on December 31, 1925, on the breakdown of the railway service. It was the intention to drop the papers on board if the "McKinley" had started, but she was found waiting outside the breakwater, and the papers were transferred to her from the hydroplane by a launch, just fifteen minutes before the vessel was timed to leave. Mr. O'Connor describes the trip as a delightful experience. It was accomplished in two hours and twenty minutes. The plane left Yokohama on the return trip on the 5th inst. Mr. A. C. Thompson of the Yokohama office of the Dollar line being a passenger.



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Professor H. M. Lefroy, Professor of Entomology, who died during investigations into the gases for the destruction of insects, left £1,268.

Mr. Aldous Huxley, the writer, remains an inveterate traveller. He is now in the Far East and has recently spent some weeks in India. It is not yet certain if he will come to Hongkong.

The Eastern Welcome Club held its monthly luncheon at the Great Eastern Hotel on December 1, and it was voted an unqualified success, the arrangements reflecting credit on the Club's indefatigable secretary, Mr. Sidney Morris. Mr. Walter Lomax presided over a large attendance and among those from abroad were Messrs. C. Dyas and Granger (from Singapore) and Scott (a 48 years' resident of Calcutta).

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. L. Warren, formerly of Hongkong, and their two children returned to Kobe on the steamer "Macedonia" from England where they have been on holiday. Mr. Warren's return to Kobe will be especially welcomed by the members of the Kobe Amateur Dramatic society as he has assisted in the production of and held leading roles in many A.D.C. shows at Kobe.

Jack Dempsey, heavy-weight champion of the world, and Estelle Taylor, his wife, the popular cinema star, deny the rumours that their married life has been anything but a happy one. "I am still fond of fighting," says the champion, "and my wife, contrary to general belief, is proud of my achievements. My wife has re-dedicated herself to a career on the films, and I do not mind this in the least. My greatest ambition is to meet Harry Wills."

News of the death of Mr. H. S. Hutchinson, of General Motors Export Corporation, in Manila on December 16 has just been received in Tokyo. Mr. Hutchinson, who had just been assigned to Japan and who was to have sailed from Manila on December 16, was taken with an attack of acute appendicitis on December 15. He was removed to the hospital and operated on immediately, but died the following day. The body was sent home on the U.S. transport "Chaumont" on December 28.

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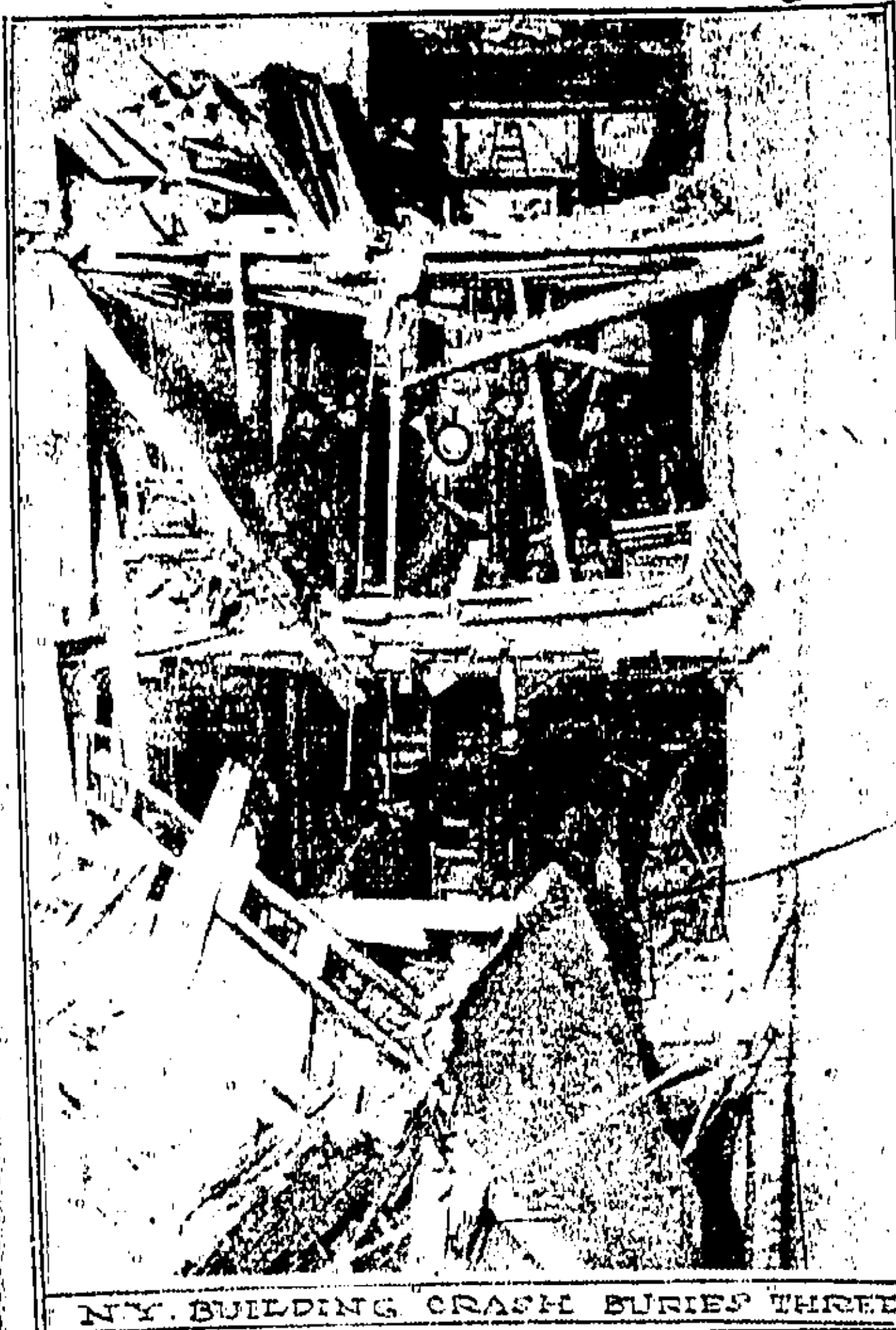
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Clarence Darrow, in a debate at Princeton University with Senator Lenroot, declared the World Court a foe to freedom. Representative J. A. Garner, from Texas, and Lee Satterwhite, Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives, clashed at a hearing in Washington. Mrs. Horace Dodge, of Detroit, escaped death when her car turned over at West Palm Beach, Fla.



LITTLE MIXER
 This London youngster, with the mince-meat laugh, evidently has been creating a stir in culinary circles. It looks as if he is anticipating the luscious pie he is helping to make.



MRS. MARY MORELLA
 Mrs. Mary Morella, ninety, is right on the job daily in a New York shirt factory, where she has been employed for the past six years, working eight hours a day.



HARVARD STUDENTS
 These jesters were pictured in Harvard Square, Cambridge, where they did almost everything but remove the Square as they tried to pass the tests required for admission into the famous club.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

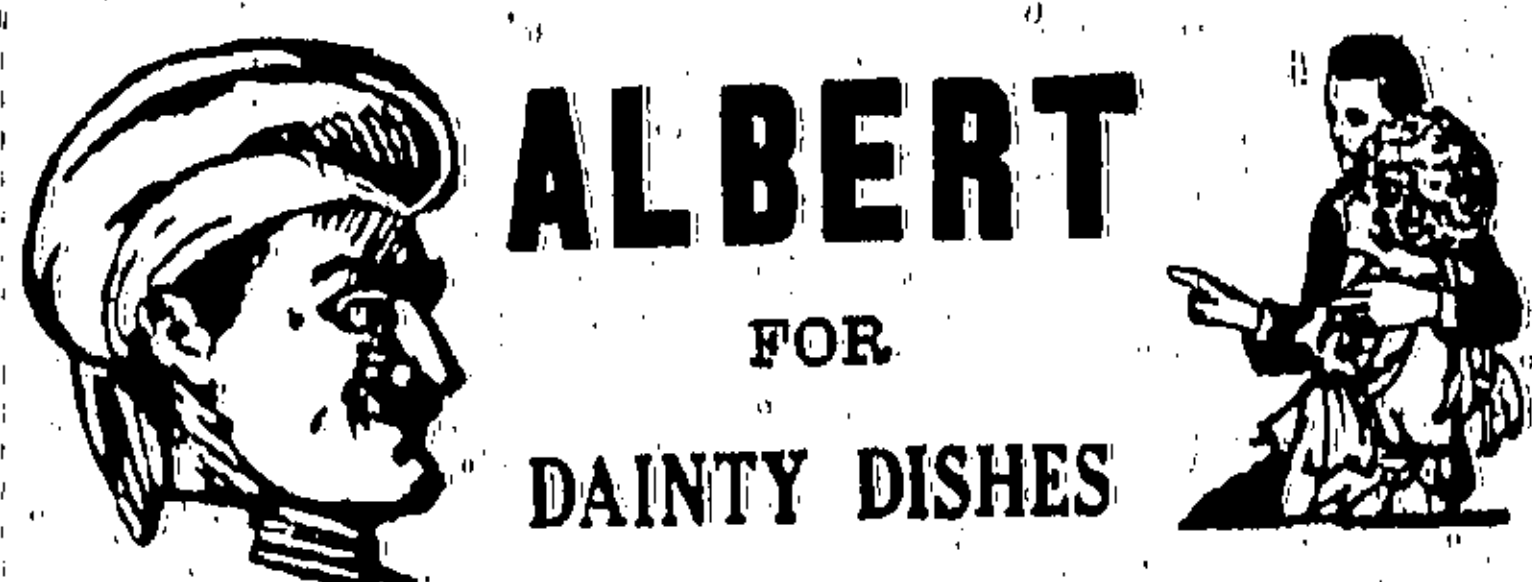


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Mainland.	
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ODDS AND ENDS

The Certified Bride.

The College for Women in Boston University has started a course in matrimony, and any girl who takes it and satisfies the examiners is entitled, if and when she gets married, to wear the letters C.B. (Certified Bride) after her name. Every College department is helping—the Professor of Psychology, for example, explains the mentality of the male with special reference to domestic relations—and the occupant of the special "Chair of Love and Marriage," a well-wedded matron, fills her lectures with epigrams such as: "Never marry a man just because you love him," and "Romance and roses fade; but rent and bills remain."

The Welsh "Blue" Guards.

The Royal Welch Fusiliers have a much nearer relationship to the Guards, whom they have relieved for duty at the Royal Palaces, than many people imagine. When Dutch William was chasing James II. all over the place he was forced to raise extra troops, and one regiment was recruited from the Welsh Marches, afterwards called the 23rd Foot, or Royal Welch Fusiliers. These were flattered by being dressed, not in scarlet, but in blue, in imitation of King William's famous "Blue" Guards. But they wear scarlet nowadays, and one would like to know why such a famous regiment should not wear their bright uniform at the Palaces, instead of the dull khaki.

Lo, the Poor Indian.

Most people regard the American aborigine as now inhabiting exclusively the fiction of their boyhood, the remote fastnesses of Arizona and New Mexico, and the studios of the Los Angeles-Moving Picture factories. They will be surprised to learn that in New York State 23,000 acres of land are still being cultivated by Indians, of whom one tribe—the Onondagas—claim to be 100 per cent. pure. Many other Indians still live by hunting and fishing as of old. Such story book names as Tallchief, Bluesky, Birtree, and Bucktooth still survive, but are growing scarcer. The four oldest Indians in the State are Jane Jamieson, Ira Pearce, Julia Crow, and Martha Brown. Normally the Indians in the States have increased twenty-five per cent. in the last twenty-five years, but actually the Amer-Indian blood is fast disappearing.

The Tank Judgment.

The judgment given by Mr. Justice McCardie in the £300,000 tank invention claim brought by Captain Bentley makes it obvious that whoever did or did not invent the tank, Captain Bentley did not.

says the "Daily Mail." To various men, such as General Sir E. Swinton, Sir W. Tritton, and Major W. G. Wilson, much of the credit is admittedly due, but the tank as a practical and powerful weapon was, as Mr. Justice McCardie stated, "a culmination of many experiments," and no doubt the brains and energy of many men went to the perfecting of it. The question as to who invented the tank is, after all, of only personal interest. The really important point is that it was the creation of British ingenuity and resolve, and that it proved of overwhelming value in the latter stages of the war. Indeed, the German General von Zwehl has gone so far as to assert that it was "General Tank," and not Marshal Foch, that won the war, and though we do not go so far as that, nevertheless its significance in the final victory can hardly be exaggerated. The fact that Lord Kitchener appears to have had no belief in tanks and that in the battle of Ypres, where they got stuck in the mud, they proved an expensive failure speaks highly for the tenacity of those who had the vision to persevere their ultimate success and the courage not to be dismayed by one apparent failure.

"Bullers" Headwear.

A most disquieting rumour reaches us from Cambridge. It is to the effect that the 'top-hats' worn by Proctors' bulldogs are to be abolished in favour of something more utilitarian, says the "Morning Post." This is monstrous. The ludicrous arguments advanced in favour of the proposal are that the top-hat is not suitable for quick acceleration, when in pursuit of a disappearing undergraduate. It appears that a mathematical don has arrived at the conclusion that the centre of gravity of the top-hat is too high, and that its powers of adhesion to a body in swift motion are not all that can be desired especially when centrifugal force comes into play going round corners. Such arguments are patently absurd. If the top-hat, which is sufficiently conspicuous to give fair warning to undergraduates, is to be abolished in favour of something furtive, something streamlined or something athletic, such as a 'gents' boater,' then a blow will have been struck at one of the fundamentals of Cambridge life. They will want to dress the bull dogs in running shorts next!

The Sports Girl.

Those who complain with Dr. Leonard Williams that athletic women lose their 'feminine characteristics' seem unaware that many women nowadays have no great liking for these characteristics (says E. C. P. in the Star.) "I play strenuous tournament tennis," said a typical sports girl to me the other day, "because it gets me out of the ordinary gossipy, back-biting suburban atmosphere better than anything else." When I suggested that playing so much tennis would spoil her good looks and give her what Mr. Alfred Prang, the portrait painter, describes as "a hard type of face," she replied: "It's a small price to pay for escaping from the society of 'feminine' tea party women and meeting instead jolly masculine girls who don't care twopence what they look like, and behave and talk like 'sensible men.'" This is a point of view against which doctors and other critics will have great difficulty in making headway. It is not new, but only in recent years has any escape been provided for those women who are bored and irritated by the more 'feminine' of their sex. Years ago Jane Austen could escape only by writing 'old novels.' It is now possible to escape even more successfully by playing games—not in a casual, garden-party way, but very seriously indeed.



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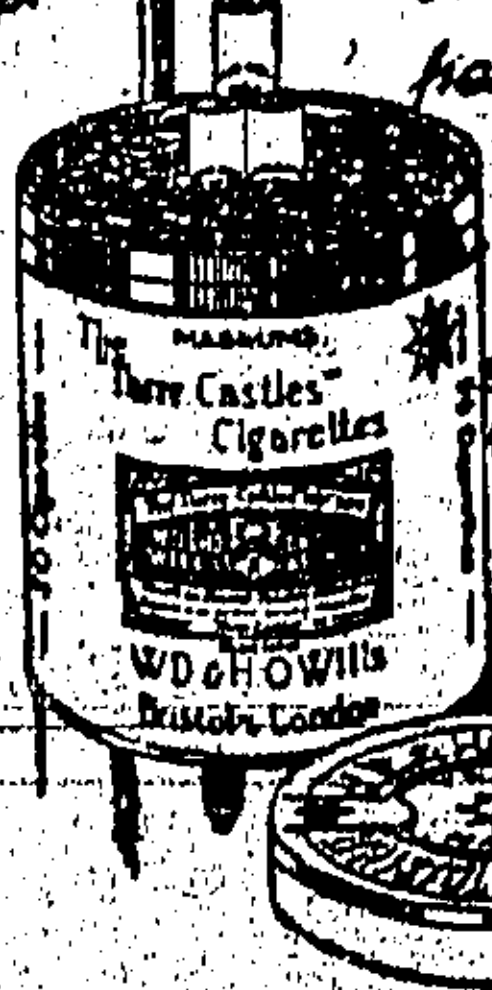
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Firms or persons, who have placed standing orders with the Radio Telegraph Office for advices of vessels passing the WAGLAN and GAP ROCK LIGHTHOUSES, are requested to send revised lists of vessels of which they are the owners, or agents, to the Officer-in-Charge as early as possible.

RADIO TELEGRAPH CODE ADDRESSES FOR THE YEAR 1926 should be registered at the Radio Telegraph Office 3rd Floor, Government Building without delay. Forms may be obtained on application.

Radio Traffic with Canton and Swatow is suspended until further notice.
Intercept Radio Telegrams are subject to delay.
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INWARD MAILS.

From	Day	Time
Shanghai	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	THURSDAY, JANUARY 21.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	FRIDAY, JANUARY 22.	From
Straits	SATURDAY, JANUARY 23.	From
Europe	SUNDAY, JANUARY 24.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	MONDAY, JANUARY 25.	From
Straits	TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.	From
Europe	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	THURSDAY, JANUARY 28.	From
Straits	FRIDAY, JANUARY 29.	From
Europe	SATURDAY, JANUARY 30.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	SUNDAY, JANUARY 31.	From
Straits	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1.	From
Europe	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.	From
Straits	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4.	From
Europe	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6.	From
Straits	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7.	From
Europe	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.	From
Straits	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.	From
Europe	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.	From
Straits	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13.	From
Europe	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.	From
Straits	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.	From
Europe	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.	From
Straits	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19.	From
Europe	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21.	From
Straits	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22.	From
Europe	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.	From
Straits	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25.	From
Europe	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27.	From
Straits	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28.	From
Europe	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29.	From
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 30.	From

OUTWARD MAILS.

To	Day	Time
Fort Bayard	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20.	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai	THURSDAY, JANUARY 21.	5 p.m.
Manila	FRIDAY, JANUARY 22.	5 p.m.
Holow and Haiphong	SATURDAY, JANUARY 23.	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	SUNDAY, JANUARY 24.	8.30 a.m.
Straits	MONDAY, JANUARY 25.	11.30 a.m.
Europe	TUESDAY, JANUARY 26.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	THURSDAY, JANUARY 28.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	FRIDAY, JANUARY 29.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	SATURDAY, JANUARY 30.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	SUNDAY, JANUARY 31.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.	2.30 p.m.
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U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19.	2.30 p.m.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20.	2.30 p.m.
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Terms.—As Customary.
N.B.—This Sale will be followed by the Second Sale which will be held on SATURDAY, the 23rd January, 1926, commencing at Noon. Further Sales will be notified later.

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Hongkong, January 20, 1926.

NOTICES.

NOTICE.

THE Public are hereby reminded that Private Hire Licenses, Chairs and their drivers are due for re-licensing on 1st January, 1926.
P. J. J. WODEHOUSE, Capt. Supt. of Police, Hongkong, 19th January, 1926.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company, will be held at the Offices, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, 27th January, 1926, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company, will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, 15th January to WEDNESDAY, 27th January, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL, Secretary,
Hongkong, January 7, 1926.

NOTICE.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 26th January, 1926 to THURSDAY, the 28th January, 1926, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. GRAYNELL, Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, January 16, 1926.

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NOTICES.

SANITARY DEPARTMENT.

NOTICE is hereby given that as two cases of rabies have recently been reported in the Colony, I am not until further notice prepared to give permits (in accordance with Government Notification No. 585 of 24th October 1924) for dogs to cross the harbour unless I am satisfied of urgent necessity in each case.
M. J. REIDY, Colonial Veterinary Surgeon, Hongkong, 18th January, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ENTRIES for the Forthcoming Races close on SATURDAY, January 23, 1926, at 3 p.m. and must be sent to the Secretary, c/o Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings, on or before this date.
Entry Forms are now ready and can be had at the Jockey Club Stables, Race Course, Hongkong Club or Linstead and Davis. Hongkong, January 5, 1926.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Third Day, 7th Race, 3rd March, 1926.

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